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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**BILLY POPE**

FCA President

The year was 1975 and I was 13 years old. Window pane jeans were the ticket and Captain and Tennille's "Love Will Keep Us Together" was the number one song. While these factoids may be mildly interesting, they would not prove to mean as much to me as the fact that Bobby Wynne lived across the street from me in Bedford, Texas. Bobby had a hot little 1965 Ford Falcon, and the rumor was that it was "so quick that you couldn't see the tail lights at night." I did not know if that was true or not, but what I did know was that this car spoke to me in ways that would still resonate with me many years later. When I close my eyes, I can still hear how this Falcon sounded. It was a hot small block Ford and it sounded so good. Remember, this was back in the day when hot street cars had a "3/4 racing cam." I can still see the Cal-Custom finned valve covers, the chrome air cleaner, Crager wheels and those shackles! Remember those? It was jacked up so high to get those massive G60s under the rear fenders. I know it was a four speed, because I would ride my bike by... real slow like... to check out the Hurst shifter and gawk at that awesome Sun tack screwed to the dash, and I would always sneak peaks under the hood whenever he was tuning his engine. I remember it being a dark color, so I do not recall if it was black or dark blue, but I do know this car certainly made an impression on me. I always wanted a Falcon because of the impression that Bobby's car left on me. Fast forward to 2011 when Frank Bell turned me on to a car that Jeff Schira had that he was thinking about selling. It was a candy apple red 1969 Sport Coupe. After a test drive and handshake, I purchased my first Falcon! I finally realized a life-long desire to own a Falcon. I have had conversations with owners about their cars and it is fun to listen to the stories and to learn of the connections people have with their Falcon and to learn of what initially attracted them to this car that we all love.



So, here is your assignment. I want to ask you to send us a note about how you came to be a Falcon lover. What attracted you to this car? Tell us about your first Falcon. Is it the one that you currently own? What is your favorite body style? Include pictures; a picture is worth a thousand words, so tell your story. Relationships are an integral aspect of the FCA and the cars are just a bonus. I feel getting to know the cars is sometimes as fascinating as getting to know their owners. I cannot wait to learn more about my FCA family.

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# Go West, Young Man...

*A Falcon Travelogue with David and Linda Lu Barber*



The whole of the quote goes, "Go West, young man, go West and grow up with the country." Although the "young" part of this famous quote has not applied to us for several years, we took Horace Greeley's (Editor, New-York Daily Tribune, July, 1865) advice and decided to head West after this year's National Convention in Overland Park. THANKS to the Host Chapters and Sponsors!

For those of you who remember a couple of other post-Nationals "excursions" where we have taken 'Little Red'—the trip from Dallas to the Dakota's, and from Kingsport to New England. Those trips and several Regionals had, up until this year, taken us through portions of 38 of the lower 48 States. Seven of the ten states that we had not driven her through were out West, so we planned to "Go West" after this year's convention was completed. After a very enjoyable visit to Overland Park we heeded Mr. Greeley's advice.

Being the two-lane, back roads people that we are, we headed in a northwest-  
erly direction from Overland Park, across Kansas, then through Nebraska, Wyoming, and Montana, across

the Bitterroot Mountain Range, into Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, the first of seven states on our "checklist." One unexpected treat before we even got out of Kansas, was in Riley County, where we found out that the Riley County High School mascot is the "Falcons". Not one to pass up a photo op, see Lindalu and Little Red in front of the high school! Should you want to check it out for yourself, just check your maps app for "Falcon Road" in Riley.

Crossing Wyoming, we followed US 20 North from Shoshoni to Thermopolis, along one of the most scenic drives of the entire trip. US 20 in that area follows the meanderings of the Bighorn River, with steep rocky cliffs on both sides, and a functioning railroad across the river from US 20. This portion of the Bighorn River is called Wind River Canyon, and you can see from the photo why I call it one of my favorite vistas of our adventure.





After a great dinner on an outside patio overlooking Coeur d'Alene Lake, we headed back to our hotel and noticed that 'Little Red' wasn't running as smoothly as she had been previously. I got up a little early the next morning and visited the O'Reilly Auto Parts store two blocks away.

I purchased a set of plugs, borrowed their tools, and used the parking lot as my garage, as seen here. Running an inline six makes that an easy task, so in about 15 minutes I was back on the road. THANKFULLY that was the only mechanical issue we had over the entire trip.

Leaving the northernmost part of our trip, we headed into Washington and Oregon, two more states on our checklist.



Park which is in the southern end of the Cascade Range. All I can say about Crater Lake is that it is AMAZING!! If it is not on your bucket list, PUT IT ON there. Pictures don't do it justice but this one gives you an idea. BEAUTIFUL!



As hard as it was to leave Crater Lake NP, we headed toward Klamath Falls, Oregon for the night. And just FYI, there are NO falls in Klamath Falls. The next morning, we headed southwest again toward the westernmost point of the trip, Crescent City, California, via Grants Pass and US 199. MORE beautiful scenery along the Rogue River and Redwood Highway, as US 199 is called in that area. After a restful night in Crescent City, we turned due south along the Pacific Coast Highway (US 101) to Klamath, California (not to be confused with Klamath Falls, Oregon!) to one of our 'bucket list' items—driving the Falcon through a giant redwood tree! As you can see, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



Traveling a little farther south after that photo op, we went on to Redding via SR 299 and then to Susanville via SR 44, and eventually into Reno, Nevada. Leaving Reno, we took I-80 East a short distance to Fernley where we took up US 50. Then another short drive to Fallon, Nevada. No problem, right? My concern, which I had developed months before when I planned this leg of the trip, was this: If you look on a paper map or in an atlas, US 50 East between Fallon and Ely, Nevada, is commonly referred to as "The Loneliest

Road in America"—325 miles of two-lane highway across the desert in an area known as the Great Basin. A few little 'communities' along the way have a 'name' on the map and some don't. That's how "Lonesome" that road is! The OASIS on that route is a convenience store/gas station/souvenir shop called CHAMPS, in Austin, Nevada. Most of the area has little, if any, cell coverage so you just fill up in Fallon and pray. As you can see, we made it to Austin, refreshed our fuel tank as well as Little Red's fuel tank and finished the trip to Ely.

Having survived the most anxious part of our trip thus far, we spent a night in Ely and then drove on into Utah for the next "bucket list" item(s), the "Big 5" National Parks in southeast Utah—Arches, Canyonlands, National Reef, Bryce Canyon and Zion. I will share a couple of pictures from those beautiful places, as the number of pictures that we took could fill up the next several month's editions of this magazine! I will repeat here what I said earlier about Crater Lake NP; if the National Parks in Utah are not on your bucket list, PUT THEM ON it!! The feeling you get witnessing in person the beauty and majesty of God's Creation in these places is just beyond description. Yes, it was July, and yes, it was during a heat advisory, BUT it was worth it.

Make time to visit our National Parks; you'll be glad you did!

And just one of the bonuses of driving from one park to another, is that the drive between them is almost as thrilling as the parks themselves!!

With six of the seven states checked off our list, we headed south once again to state number seven—Arizona. You can probably already see this one coming, but our "bucket list" stop there... WINSLOW!! Growing up in the '50s and '60s, and loving music, "Take it Easy" by The Eagles is an early '70s song that just imbeds itself in your soul. As you can see from the pictures, Little Red has been to "the corner," and as a bonus we ran across the "Falcon" Restaurant on our way out of town. Talk about a cherry on top! There is not a lot to do in Winslow, so after spending a little over an hour there, we headed to Flagstaff for the evening. The next morning, we packed up and went into "Turn Four" and headed due east toward the Finish Line of our fantastic journey. Checking off the seven western states, we have now driven Little Red through 45 of the lower 48, with only Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan remaining.

After our 33 day, (including the drive to the Nationals) 18 state, 7,554 mile journey this year, those three states should be within reach. By the way, how far is it from Hot Springs to Indiana? Yep, I'm already looking ahead to 2024!

There are a LOT of beautiful places right here under your nose, so don't overlook them. Get out there and see what your Falcon can do; you just might surprise yourself.

KEEP 'EM FLYING!!!

David Barber (FCA #15608)  
Trussville, Alabama



# SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness we must report that two of our FCA chapter presidents have passed away. Former Falcon Club President and, at the time of his passing, Suncoast Chapter President, Chuck Beason, has left quite a legacy in our Club. Our sympathy to his wife, Carolyn and the rest of his family. Chuck loved Falcons and the FCA community. He recently attended the Nationals in Overland Park with Carolyn and their granddaughter Abby.



CHUCK BEASON



PAT VARICCHIO

Shortly after we learned of Chuck's passing, we were notified of the sudden death of Mason Dixon Chapter president Pat Varicchio. He and Diane were also present at Nationals. Our sympathy to Diane and to all of Pat's family.

These two men have played a big part in the Falcon Club and are known and loved by many. Their absence will certainly be felt at club gatherings. We would love to hear your stories, quotes, quips, or see any photos you might have about either of these men who have meant so much to so many in this club. We can publish them online for others to enjoy.

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# 2023 National Meet Coverage

## LADIES' TEA

Photos by Janet Wilkerson and Dee Bowes



This month we will take a look at the Ladies' Tea. If you've missed the online magazine the last two months, you may have missed the Nationals overview article and an article on the cruises. You can find those on our website falconclub.com under the magazine tab..

I know many of you have heard the stories (or think you have). But when Elvis is in the house, what "goes on at Nationals, stays at Nationals!" This editor will not divulge ALL the stories. But I will let the photos speak for themselves. A fun time was had by all in the room. Sing-alongs, dance-alongs, other-alongs- the place was rocking!

Jan Guthrie and her committee put together one of the best Ladies' Tea I have had the privilege to attend. I witnessed some behavior from some members that were way out of the character I had witnessed before. Enjoy the photos and all the smiles!





# Falcon Club Of America 2023 Business Meeting

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER VANANTWERP

The 44th annual Falcon Club of America (FCA) National Business Meeting was held at 2:00 PM July 15th, 2023, in the Ballroom at the DoubleTree Hilton in Overland Park, Kansas.

## **WELCOME**

Falcon Club of America President Jim Guthrie welcomed all to the meeting and addressed the attendees directly. President Guthrie recognized the first-timers that were in attendance, as well as veterans and first responders. He called for a moment of silence to honor the members and other Falcon family that we have lost over the past year.

## **INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS AND CHAPTER ROLL CALL**

### **Introduction of Officers**

President Guthrie introduced FCA Board members and officers in attendance.

### **Chapter Roll Call**

President Guthrie asked Mary Wagner, current Chapter Coordinator, to perform a roll call for chapters with members in attendance at the business meeting.

- Mountain Region (Director Kent Whisenand, Jr. was unable to attend) had the following chapters with members in attendance: Arizona and Mile-Hi.
- North Central Region (Director is Jack Ellis) had the following chapters with members in attendance: Beef State, Gateway, Lake Michigan, Metro Detroit, Mid-America (celebrating their 40th anniversary), Northland Falcons (recently reactivated), and Wheat State.
- North East Region (Director is John Howard) had the following chapters with members in attendance: Hoosier, Keystone, Northeast, and Ohio Valley.
- Pacific Region (Director Ray Johnson was unable to attend) did not have any chapters with members in attendance at the business meeting.
- South Central Region (Director is Mark Sword, Jr.) had the following chapters with members in attendance: Founders, Gulf States, Southern Coast, and Bon Temps.
- South Eastern Region (Director James Baxter was unable to attend) had the following chapters with members in attendance: Suncoast, Mason Dixon, Tennessee Valley, Virginia, and Southeast.
- South Western Region (Director is Todd Gaudin) had the following chapters with members in attendance: Sooner State, Third Coast, Capital City, Lone Star, and Heart of Texas.

Past President Chuck Beason recognized and thanked Mary Wagner for her many years of service as FCA Chapter Coordinator. President Guthrie echoed those sentiments and announced that Cristine Bowes had agreed to become the new Chapter Coordinator. President Guthrie also thanked the Regional Directors for the work they do for the FCA.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Guthrie officially called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 2022 FCA Business Meeting.

On motion of Kenny Seitter, seconded by John Howard, the minutes of the 2022 FCA National Business Meeting were approved as printed in The National Falcon News. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **Treasurer's Report**

At the request of President Guthrie, FCA Treasurer Jerry Nordboe gave the following banking summary for the period ending June 2023: Ending deficit of \$10,251.03.

### **Audit Committee Report**

At the request of President Guthrie, Steven Hammond reported for the Audit Committee. Steven worked with Shannon Bell and Jen VanAntwerp (standing in for the third committee member) on the audit and noted that the FCA financial status is in good standing with no discrepancies, and all expenses were in the best interests of the Club.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

At the request of President Guthrie, Denise Sword gave updates regarding FCA membership activities. Denise reported that the club has approximately 2,600 active members, which is down from the previous year. There were significant challenges regarding membership applications and renewals through the new online system, and those issues are currently being addressed. Postcards will again be sent as renewal reminders, rather than solely sending reminders by email. Denise noted how much she appreciated everyone's patience amid the challenges with the online system, and reminded members that they can always reach out to her if they have any questions at [membership@falconclub.com](mailto:membership@falconclub.com).

## **Club Store Report**

At the request of President Guthrie, Bonnie Stringer and Tia Blum reported on the activities of the FCA club store. After 30+ years as Club Store Manager, Bonnie will be stepping away from the role and Tia Blum will be the new Club Store Manager. The Club Store was able to bring some updated designs and new merchandise to the 2023 Nationals event, and sales at this show have been higher than at any previous event. They are working through some issues with sizing and shipping in order to set up the online store. Tia requested that if anyone has suggestions for future FCA items, they should email [clubstore@falconclub.com](mailto:clubstore@falconclub.com), noting that new merchandise does need to be approved by Ford. Tia thanked Bonnie for her many years of service to FCA, and President Guthrie echoed that gratitude.

## **Website Report**

President Guthrie recognized that updates made to the website and online system had caused challenges with membership renewals and new member applications. He noted that online renewals would be suspended temporarily until the bugs could be worked out of the system, and that postcards would again start going out as renewal reminders.

## **Magazine Editor's Report**

At the request of President Guthrie, FCA Magazine Editor Janet Wilkerson gave the following report:

Janet thanked everyone who had submitted items that were published in previous news magazine editions and calendars. She noted that a 2024 calendar will be included with the January print edition of the news magazine. Janet loves seeing the posts on social media with updates on builds and human-interest stories, and she would love to feature some of those in the FCA news magazine. Please send any article ideas and high-resolution pictures to [editor@falconclub.com](mailto:editor@falconclub.com) if you would like your vehicle or your story to be featured in future editions of the news magazine or the 2024 calendar.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Bylaws Changes**

There were no proposed bylaw changes up for a vote at the 2023 business meeting.

### **Election of Officers and Board Member(s)**

The offices of President, Vice President, and one position on the FCA Board of Directors were up for election. President Guthrie thanked John Saindon for his service on the FCA Board.

Nominations opened for the office of FCA President. Matthew Sigler nominated Mike Sigler, seconded by John Howard. Phil Warren nominated Billy Pope, seconded by

Kenny Seitter. Both candidates gave speeches in front of the business meeting attendees, and then were escorted to a separate location while voting continued. Voting was conducted on paper ballots, which were counted by two representatives from the Audit Committee and then confirmed by recount. The two candidates were then brought back into the ballroom, and President Guthrie announced that the new FCA President as elected by the general membership was Billy Pope.

Nominations opened for the office of FCA Vice President. Pat Varricchio nominated John Howard, seconded by Jim Norvell. Bonnie Stringer nominated Mike Sigler, who politely declined to accept the nomination. The membership was asked three times for additional nominations. None were given. John Howard was elected Vice President of the FCA for 2023-2024 by a majority show of hands.

President Guthrie advised that there were now two positions on the FCA Board of Directors that were up for election, one with a five (5) year term, and one with a three (3) year term to fill the Board role formerly held by President-elect Billy Pope.

President Guthrie asked for nominations for the five (5) year term on the Board of Directors. Jim Hatcher nominated Mark Sword, Jr., seconded by Josh Falcon. The membership was asked three times for additional nominations. None were given. Mark Sword, Jr. was elected by a majority show of hands for a five (5) year term on the Board of Directors, and his term begins September 1, 2023.

President Guthrie asked for nominations for the three (3) year term on the Board of Directors. Steve Springer nominated Mike Sigler, who stated appreciation for the nomination but declined to accept. Steve Springer then nominated Todd Gaudin, seconded by Mark Sword, Jr. The membership was asked three times for additional nominations. None were given. Todd Gaudin was elected by a majority show of hands for a three (3) year term on the Board of Directors, and his term begins September 1, 2023.

### **2024 National Meeting**

President Guthrie and Mark Sword, Jr. updated the members on the 2024 FCA National Meeting to be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, July 11-13, 2024. Stay tuned to the [falconclub.com](http://falconclub.com) website for additional details. The membership, board, and fellow officers then recognized and thanked President Guthrie for his many years of service as FCA President.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the FCA Annual Business Meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.

# 2024 NATIONALS

## DESTINATION

### HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

The Founders Chapter is hosting the 2024 Falcon Club National Meet. It is also time to go back where it all began—Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mark your calendars for July 11–13, 2024 and make plans now to attend the festivities. If you've never been to one before, it's time to start.

The host hotel is in downtown Hot Springs, next to the convention center. Centrally located in the United States, this area also provides beautiful scenery for cruising. Hotel accommodations can be made by calling the Embassy Suites by Hilton at 501-624-9200. Be sure to mention Falcon Club to receive the discount. Connected to the Summit Arena and Hot Springs Convention Center, this all-suite hotel offers easy access to top attractions and features, spacious accommodations and an on-site full-service spa. All rooms at the Embassy Suites Hot Springs Hotel and Spa include microwaves, refrigerators and coffeemakers. Guests can enjoy a free cooked-to-order breakfast and an evening reception each day. The hotel also features an on-site fitness center and swimming pool. With free shuttle service to downtown, guests can easily visit historic Bathhouse Row, theaters, art galleries and restaurants. Hot Springs Shopping Mall and beautiful Lake Hamilton are also easily accessible.

When you register, you will notice there is no box to check for Awards Banquet tickets. There will be no

banquet, just a "super Awards Ceremony." There will be small food items and drinks for those in attendance, but no full meal.

Hot Springs National Park is the oldest park in the NP System, dating back to 1832. It was created to protect the 47 naturally flowing thermal springs on the southwestern slope of Hot Springs Mountain. Visiting the park is free.

Bathhouse Row, as it exists today, is a collection of eight architecturally significant bathhouses, most of which were built between 1912 and 1923 along Central Avenue, the main road through downtown. Two of the structures currently operate as bathhouses offering spa services. Hot Springs is the boyhood home of former President Bill Clinton. Thoroughbred racing and gaming can be found at Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort. Magic Springs Theme and Water Park, Garvan Woodland Gardens, and a renowned arts community offer gallery options. The Mid-America Science Museum is a great stop for families.

Outdoor activities in the area include mountain biking, hiking, golf, horseback riding, fishing, digging for quartz crystals and water sports that center around the Diamond Lakes Catherine, DeGray, Greeson, Hamilton and Ouachita.

Don't miss out on this event. Come join in the fun and family atmosphere that highlight our annual event.

# Important Information About Your Membership

## RENEWAL OF DUES

As most of the membership is aware, the Falcon Club has a new website.

We have received many questions regarding membership renewal.

As in the past there are 2 options check and online.

- **By Check** – There are no changes. As always, mail to Falcon Club of America P.O. Box 113, Jacksonville, AR 72078-0113. Please remember to put your membership number on the check.
- **Online** –There is a change. The website is now password protected so you must login to falconclub.com.

Members will continue to receive a postcard reminder. Members will also be receiving email reminders 60, 30 and 6 days prior to membership due date, if they have an email address on file.

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# 2023 ALL-TEXAS PICNIC

by Todd Gaudin

The Third Coast Chapter, along with the Capital City Chapter, hosted an All-Falcon Texas Picnic on April 1, 2023. This was no joke as Falcons from across Texas came to Miller Park in Temple, Texas to join in the fun. In all, we had over 50 people in attendance bringing 20 Falcons. The Heart of Texas, Capital City, Alamo, Lone Star and Third Coast Chapters were represented. Things started out rough for the Third Coast Chapter as a terrible fog hindered their travel from the coast for the first 70 miles and then it suddenly cleared up. The bluebonnets were



beautiful and plentiful. Temperatures were perfect and everyone had a great time. Lunch consisted of hamburgers and hot dogs along with beans, chips, water and ice tea. We enjoyed ice cream and cookies for dessert. Thanks to all those that helped put this on, but a special shout out to Dave Neuses, Wayne Pitzer and Austin Bankston for manning the grills for the hamburgers and hot dogs! Plans are already in the making for the next one in April 2024!

—Todd Gaudin (FCA #12213)  
Cypress, Texas





# Dream Weddings, Falcons, and Families

*Congratu*

KAITLIN & PATRICK

Patrick and Kaitlin Neyhart were married April 29, 2023 at The Edgemont House in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Falcon is a 1962 with 170ci and three on the tree.

—Bryce Zitterich  
(FCA# 18028)



photos from Bryce Zitterich



# lations!

## BREANNA & DUSTIN

Dustin (FCA #16124) and Brea Varvel's wedding took place near Pine Grove, Pennsylvania. Sweet Arrow Lake was the venue for the ceremony and the reception was at the CB Gun Club near Annville, Pennsylvania.

The '62 wagon was the Gift-Mobile and they used the '63 convertible to travel from Sweet Arrow Lake to the reception.

—Bruce & Pam Wolfe  
(FCA #949)



photos from Bruce and Pam Wolfe



# Fa la con SUPERHEROES

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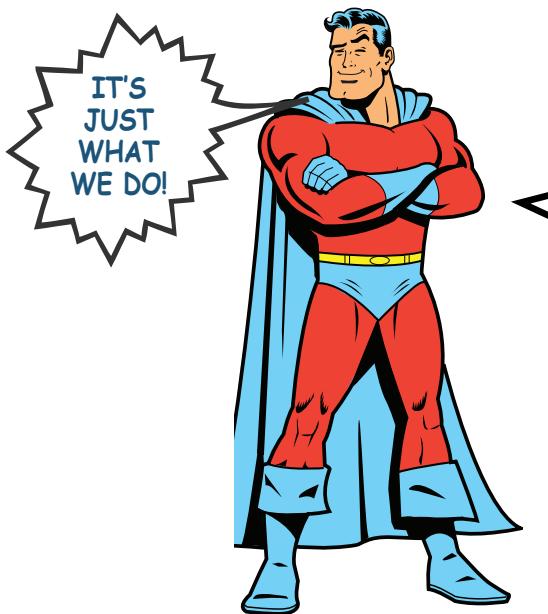
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THERE AND MOCKED US.







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WILL GET  
JAMES' CAR  
RUNNING  
AGAIN.



# BROKEN DOWN

in

CITY LIMITS  
WHO KNOWS WHERE  
POPULATION 12

Recently I attended the Falcon Club of America convention in Overland Park, Kansas. A wonderful gathering of friends and acquaintances that I've met over the years. My compliments to Mid America and the Board for all their hard work. A side note, I understand Elvis was in the building and did a wonderful job of entertaining the ladies' tea party.

Several club members from the Mile High Chapter had a few problems and broke down somewhere that you wouldn't normally have heard of, or let alone stop at. Breaking down is always a possibility when driving old classics. For this reason, I may have some thoughts, that may help you out in the future.

Now that I'm at my desk and not on the side of the road panicking on what to do, I can sit back and think of solutions that could possibly help someone avoid a misfortune rather than a nightmare. These suggestions are given as room for thought.

My first thought, it's always nice to travel in numbers because someone normally is transporting a classic on a trailer because of one reason or another. This gives the peace of mind that the classic can be unloaded and driven, and the broken car can be transported to a nearby mechanic or to its final destination.

Second thought, carry extra parts you may need. This could be fuel pump, fuel filter, belts, hoses and the many other assortments of spare parts that may be needed. Lastly don't forget the tools and a Cumberlong wench for pulling a disabled car onto a trailer. This takes time and sometimes results of doing this may not get you back on the road.

Third, you can call a friend or relative to come get you or bring a trailer and haul it back home or its final destination. Sometimes that's obligating people which I don't care to do.

My last thought is for the independent traveler who doesn't like to follow the crowd. You might consider AAA for towing. There are packages up to 100 miles towing and roadside assistance, gas, battery, flat tire.

I suggest purchasing the larger package. There are introductory prices for the first-year packages, but you can always upgrade after you have joined. No matter what package you decide on you'll have help when you need it. There's a 800 number that is always available to you for needed assistance.

Many car insurance normally have packages that may be acceptable and comparable to AAA. You may inquire into that with your insurance company. Whatever the case it's a good back up plan.

Also, in addition to towing insurance you might want to consider the destination the tow truck will be taking when he reaches you. Consider being towed to a U-Haul center and rent a small truck (10' truck or 15' truck) with a car carrier (two wheel or four wheel). Call the U-Haul reservation line, they'll be able to tell you where the closest rental store is and if a truck and trailer is available for a one-way trip.

From your GPS on your phone or map you'll be able tell the reservation operator where you are located. In turn they'll tell you what's the closest availability in your area.

The tow truck that comes get you will tow you where you want to go, within reason. This way you have a plan in place before the wrecker gets there.

I'm hoping that these suggestions might help you in the future, if your out in the middle of "Who Knows Where" with a problem. This article might help you before venturing out with your classic.

As they say in the old days, Stay Cool.

—Ted Drott (FCA #17233)  
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Here are the U-Haul and AAA numbers in case you like the idea.

U-Haul: 1-800-468-4285, ask for reservations

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FROM SEPTEMBER'S ISSUE

# KIDS' CORNER



LILIANA, ISABELLA, CALEB

## WILKERSON KIDS

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Welcome to the new ...

## KIDS' CORNER

We have added a new feature page to our magazine called the "Kids' Corner." It is intended to highlight the youth (toddlers, through teens) who attend our club's events and promote family attendance at our gatherings. We welcome your photos and stories to help us make this a regular column in the monthly issues.

Currently, we've assembled some questions for our young audience and their parents. to answer. If your child was in attendance and would like to respond, please respond to any or all of the questions at [editor@falconclub.com](mailto:editor@falconclub.com).

Responses do not have to be limited to the questions that are shown. You are welcome to give us your thoughts about anything regarding Nationals. Parents, by submitting your information, you are giving us permission to use your child's name and photo in the magazine.

**What was your favorite thing to do at Nationals?  
What was not a fun thing to do?**

**Did you participate in the Valve Cover Races, the Ladies' Tea, or go on one of the cruises?**

**Did you meet any new friends? Do you have any stories you'd like to share?**

**What is your favorite Falcon?**

**Did you and your family do anything in the area, outside of the National Meet, that was fun?**

**What would make the National Meet more fun for kids and teenagers?**

**LILIANA (8):**

**What was your favorite thing to do at Nationals?**

Have fun with grandma and grandpa

**What was not a fun thing to do?**

When we went to that fancy schmancy red place.

**Did you participate in the Valve Cover Races, the Ladies' Tea, or go on one of the cruises?**

Yes, cruises.

**Did you meet any new friends?**

Yes I made two. I forgot both of their names, maybe Ted or Fred? (Sorry Todd and Mitchell!).

**What is your favorite Falcon?**

The one with the fire on the doors.

**Did you and your family do anything in the area, outside of the National Meet, that was fun?**

Go to a toy store and buy a toy.

Right: Isabella and her friend Mackie( on left) with their trophies at the 2017 Winter Park, Colorado Nationals

Far right: Caleb taking photos at the 2023 Nationals

**ISABELLA (13):**

**What was your favorite thing to do at Nationals?**

Looking at the cars

**Did you participate in the Valve Cover Races, the Ladies' Tea, or go on one of the cruises?**

Cruise

**Did you meet any new friends?**

No

**What is your favorite Falcon?**

Grandma's and grandpa's (good answer)

**Did you and your family do anything in the area, outside of the National Meet, that was fun?**

Going out to dinner every night. I liked the food.

**CALEB (10):**

**What was your favorite thing to do at Nationals?**

Interacting with the nice people there

**What was not a fun thing to do?**

Having to yell the instructions to the people whose photos I took. I didn't like having to tell them how to get in the right spot.

**Did you participate in the Valve Cover Races, the Ladies' Tea, or go on one of the cruises?** Cruise

**Did you meet any new friends?**

Yeah

**What is your favorite Falcon?**

The one that was painted beautifully with turtles and landscapes

**Did you and your family do anything in the area, outside of the National Meet, that was fun?**

We went to Dave and Busters.

**EDITOR, AKA GRANDMA:**

**What was your favorite thing to do at Nationals?** I had the opportunity to see and have fun with my friends and spend time with my grandkids. Having them help out with photography was a BIG plus.

**What was not a fun thing to do?**

I got soaked in a torrential downpour (taking pictures of course).

**What participate in the Valve Cover Races, the Ladies' Tea, or go on one of the cruises?** All the above.

**Did you meet any new friends? Any stories you'd like to share?**

I always meet new friends. Several of us were visiting in the hotel lobby one evening when the desk employee was taken out by paramedics. Hope she's ok, but I never heard anything after that.

**What is your favorite Falcon?** Every single one that comes to the Meet.

**Did you and your family do anything else that was fun?** Since we

live in the area, nothing was really new, but we did go to Scheels and ride the indoor Ferris Wheel and shopped. Grandpa took them to Dave & Busters while grandma was engaged at the Ladies Tea.

**What would make the National Meet more fun for kids and teenagers?** Lots more of them. Bring your little ones, your teens, kids, grandkids; they will have fun. There's some great things in the works next year for all of them!

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# *“We learned to be cool from you...”*



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Jimmy Buffett, the renowned singer-songwriter and island-inspired troubadour, is not only known for his music but also for his love of cars. Buffett (1946 –2023) was an American musician and singer-songwriter, best known for his tropical rock music, which often portrayed a lifestyle described as “island escapism” and promoted enjoying life and following passions. One passion made him a true car guy at heart, Buffett has a soft spot for classic automobiles that evoke a sense of freedom and adventure.

In 1983, he began a search for the “perfect or near perfect” Sprint convertible. He asked that recommendations be sent via Classic Sixties magazine. With it he posted a photo sitting in a Ford Mustang waving a handful of cash. In the ad, he stated he had driven a Sprint in high school and said “nostalgia runs strong in my lyrics and personal tastes.”

An early college story was told by Jack Catlette, who “sat on the porch of his fraternity’s temporary home in Hattiesburg in the fall of 1967 when a small Ford Falcon pulled up. A fellow Kappa Sigma brother exited the vehicle and walked up to Catlette and introduced himself. That man would go on to become a singer/songwriter, a best-selling author, a national phenomenon and a billionaire. It was Pascagoula native Jimmy Buffett.”

It appears Mr. Buffett had excellent taste. He found what he was looking for in Portland, Oregon, landing a 1963½ blue Falcon Sprint Convertible. He purchased the car from Andy Pazz, after personally inspecting it. He even invited the seller backstage after the concert to meet the group members and enjoy some refreshments. This iconic vehicle held a special place in his heart as it perfectly captures the spirit of cruising down coastal highways with the top down and wind in your hair.

According to a Hagerty article, “seventeen years later, in 2010, Buffett gave the car to Ty Houck, owner of Ragtops Motorcars in Palm Beach, Florida, to sell. Ty consigned the car to the Auctions America sale, held in the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center. There was a good bit of pre-sale interest in Buffett’s turquoise-colored ride, mostly unmodified except for a surfboard rack/roll bar contraption that would be covered if the top was up. The car sold for a healthy \$39,600. At the time, Hagerty’s Cars That Matter price guide, precursor to the Hagerty Price Guide, listed the car in #2 condition (Excellent) at a value of \$28,200. Ford Falcons seem to be a theme in the Buffett stable, as there are reports of a few others spotted at different times.”

Jimmy sang about his “little Nash car” in his song, “Tonight I Just Need My Guitar.” He had a 1958 Nash Metropolitan, white over turquoise, a look that is synonymous with his Key West home.

Buffett’s appreciation for cars goes beyond aesthetics; he valued the experiences, cherished the sense of escape that comes with being behind the wheel. Classic cars like the Falcon reflect his passion for preserving history and celebrating timeless craftsmanship. Whether he was on stage or behind the wheel, Buffett always embodied a carefree spirit which extended to all aspects of his life—including his love affair with cars.

His enthusiasm for these iconic automobiles serves as a testament to their enduring appeal and their ability to transport us to moments filled with joy and adventure on open roads. Yes indeed Jimmy, “we learned to be cool from you!”

For more on Jimmy Buffett cars, read the article on the Hagerty website at: <https://www.hagerty.com/media/people/remembering-jimmy-buffett-car-guy/>

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